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Philosophy Professor December Commencement Speaker

Dr. Drew E. Hinderer, professor of philosophy, has been selected to deliver the address at SVSU's second fall semester Commencement ceremony. He will speak on "What Is Your Degree Worth?"

A faculty member here since 1980, Hinderer earlier this year received SVSU's Faculty Association Award for Scholarly Achievement. Prior to his appointment at SVSU he was an assistant professor of philosophy for the University of Wisconsin Center System.

Hinderer earned his A.B. from Hope College and was awarded his Ph.D. by the University of Michigan. He also participated in a special Balkan Studies Seminar during the summer of 1969, under the auspices of the University of Novi Sad, Novi Sad Yugoslavia, where he did research in contemporary Marxism, and Musicology and Composition. In 1977 Hinderer attended the Internationale Sommerakademie der Hochschule "Mozarteum" in Salzburg as a student of Rudolf Klepac.

A prolific writer, Hinderer has nearly 40 articles and papers to his credit and is the author of three books. He wrote *Building Arguments: An Informal Logic*, a 245-page textbook that informally introduces logic and reasoning; *Moral Deliberation* and *Ethical Issues in Organ Transplantation*, two medical ethics manuals for use in regional hospital ethics committees.

Hinderer was a visiting professor of philosophy at Hope College in 1989, and in 1986 Hinderer received a fellowship from Columbia University and the National Endowment for

the Humanities Workshop on Asian Studies. He received another fellowship from the National Endowment for the Humanities Institute for the Teaching of Medieval Civilization in 1983. He received a pair of research grants while working for the University of Wisconsin Center System from 1975 through 1980 and three more during his post-graduate days at the University of Michigan.

An accomplished musician, Hinderer is principal bassoonist with the Midland Symphony Orchestra and a member of the SVSU Valley Wind Quintet, which will perform at the Commencement ceremony.

Seating for family, guests and friends begins at 6 p.m. for the Friday, Dec. 13 ceremony in the James E. O'Neill Jr. Arena. The processional is set for 7:30 p.m. Following the ceremony, a reception will be held at the east end of O'Neill Arena.

Approximately 255 students are eligible to receive baccalaureate degrees at the close of fall semester, including 74 from the College of Arts and Behavioral Sciences; 57 in Business and Management; 62 in Education, 19 in Nursing and Allied Health Sciences; and 43 in Science, Engineering and Technology. Another 45 are expected to complete requirements for master's degrees. Students who completed requirements for graduation during the summer 1991 session also are expected to participate in this Commencement ceremony.

For additional information, please contact the SVSU Foundation at ext. 4052.



Drew E. Hinderer

Celebrate the Holidays at SVSU

Mark your calendars for the following holiday events scheduled during December at SVSU.

Family Holiday at SVSU

SVSU students, faculty, staff and their families are invited to participate in the annual Family Holiday on Sunday, Dec. 8 from 2-5 p.m. in the Ryder Center. Included will be a Christmas Sing-a-long, a Christmas Craft Creation Station, Christmas goodies, face painting, photos and a hot dog dinner with Santa. Recreational activities available to participants include racquetball, basketball, free swimming and games for children. Donations to *Toys for Tots* (cash or new, unwrapped toys) will be accepted at the door. Family Holiday at SVSU is co-sponsored by the Campus Life Team, Athletics, Campus Dining, the President's Office, Residential Life and Student Life. For further information, call ext. 4170 or 7300.

Choir Christmas Concert

The SVSU Concert and Chamber Choirs, the Early Music Collegium and the Bay Brass Ensemble will present a program of sacred and popular music of the Christmas season on Sunday, Dec. 8 at 4 p.m. at Westminster Presbyterian Church, 103 E. Midland Road in Bay City. Complimentary tickets are available to faculty and staff by contacting the Department of Music at ext. 4159.

Traditional Polish *Wigilia*

Sandra Kay Metiva, Miss Michigan 1991, will be the featured performer at this year's traditional Polish *Wigilia* supper celebration. Sponsored by the SVSU Polish Club, the event is scheduled to begin at 5:30 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 8 in Lower Level Doan Center. A traditional five-course meal will follow the *Oplatki*, a ritual sharing of morsels of food by dinner guests. Reservations are \$10 per person. For tickets, contact Greg Lopez in the Student Government Office at ext. 4232.

Annual Holiday Luncheon

Join your University colleagues at the Annual Holiday Luncheon on Friday, Dec. 13 at 12 noon in Lower Level Doan Center. A special

holiday menu includes a family-style baked chicken dinner with all the trimmings and a dessert extravaganza. Cost is \$6.75 per person. Make reservations no later than Monday, Dec. 9 by sending payment to Kathy Nowaczyk, 3rd floor Wickes. Make checks payable to "Saginaw Valley State University."

Students Tour Nursing Lab

A group of 23 students from St. Stephen's Elementary School visited SVSU on Monday, Nov. 25 to learn more about nursing. The kids, who toured the nursing lab in Wickes Hall, listened to presentations by seven current nursing program students: Patty Burdo, Deb Gibson, Kristy Kawiecki, Joan O'Rourke, Valerie Phillips, Julana Strahm-Harper and Anne Wellman. Topics included roles in nursing, equipment used by nurses, procedural models and demonstrations, and nutrition and positive health practices.

Gilbertson Wins Lawyers' National Speech Award

The American Bar Association has conferred its First Place Award on President Eric R. Gilbertson for his Law Day Speech "Atticus Finch and Arnold Becker: Lawyers and Other Rogues and Heroes."

Announcement of the award was made by Association President Talbot D'Alemberte in a letter dated Nov. 21 to Gilbertson.

The president's speech was entered in the National Law Day U.S.A. Speech Competition by John A. Decker, president of the Saginaw County Bar Association, following Dr. Gilbertson's presentation before the local group on May 1, 1991.

The award, commemorating Judge Edward R. Finch, consists of a \$500 check and a plaque marking the occasion. Gilbertson will donate the check to the SVSU Foundation.

In November, the president was an invited speaker at a National Science Foundation forum on "Fundamental Research for National Competitiveness" at the University of Michigan. Gilbertson spoke on issues involving NSF funding for undergraduate research and science education.

The SVSU Jazz Ensemble, with guest artist Jerry Glassel on guitar, will present a concert on Thursday, Dec. 5 at 7:30 p.m. in the SVSU Theatre. Glassel has an extensive recording career. He has recorded with the late Sonny Stitt, as well as Eddie Russ, Mixed Bag, Johnny and the Hurricanes, Eddie Spooner and many other artists. Glassel has taught at Adrian College, Jackson Community College, Siena Heights College and Wayne State University. The program will feature Big Band Jazz and contemporary music. Complimentary tickets are available to faculty and staff by calling the Department of Music at ext. 4159.

SVSU Receives MHC Grant for Saginaw ROADS Project

SVSU, in conjunction with the School District of the City of Saginaw, is offering a series of six symposia for K-12 Saginaw school teachers and educators from multiple districts and community organizations.

"Saginaw ROADS Project" is made possible through funding by the Michigan Humanities Council (MHC). Modeled after the *Renaissance Outreach Alliance for Detroit-area Schools* project, the Saginaw focus will address human, social and geographic issues peculiar to the Saginaw area. Each session will explore elements of African American culture in an effort to acquaint the participants with a better understanding of the children with whom they work.

The first of the six programs is January 11 in SVSU's Arbury Fine Arts Center. For more information, contact Dr. Roosevelt Ruffin, director of Affirmative Action/Multicultural Programs, at ext. 4397.

Memorial to Honor Vietnam Women Vets

A sculpture showing three Vietnam era women in fatigues has received design concept approval from the National Capital Planning Commission. Creation of the multi-figure work is the result of a campaign under way by the Vietnam Women's Memorial Project, Inc. Once completed, the statue honoring service women will be placed on the grounds of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington, D.C. The Project must raise \$2 million before dedication in 1993. Contributions are being accepted by VWMP. Contact Peggy Flatt at ext. 4131 for more information.

Jack M. Ryder to Retire from SVSU

After 17 years of service, 15 of them as president, Dr. Jack M. Ryder is retiring from SVSU. In a letter to Dean David Nelson, Ryder conveyed his decision to leave the faculty position he has held since 1990.

Saying he and his wife, Lila, look forward to a new chapter in their lives, Ryder commented, "Over the past 17 years Lila and I have served

SVSU faithfully, and with great satisfaction in the achievements we have shared with so many others. We have made many friends on campus and in the community, and we are grateful for their encouragement and support over the years."

Ryder was appointed in 1974 as SVSU's second president. He served in that capacity until June 30, 1989, when he requested release from his presidential role "to redirect my efforts on behalf of the University." Following a six-month sabbatical he returned to a position on the College of Education faculty, teaching courses in educational administration and conducting research.

"I enjoyed the teaching and all the work I have done in the College of Education," he said. "I enjoyed the experience and learned a lot from getting into schools and working with young people."

Ryder has praise for SVSU students majoring in education. "I have been very pleased with the commitment that I see among the students who are pursuing degrees in education now," he said. "The new selection process for admission to the College of Education is one reason for that. Our strong component of fieldwork also contributes to the likelihood of success. I have talked with educators in the field who have given our graduates very high marks.

Ryder spent four months of his sabbatical at the Federation Universitaire at Polytechnique de Lille in France, where he and Lila served as visiting professors and consultants. Their advisory work included two reports, one on fundraising and a second on organization and structure of the Universitaire. Some of their recommendations were implemented soon after the reports were filed.

During retirement, Ryder expects to pursue his interest in education and research as an international consultant. He also expects to devote time to writing.

"Because Lila and I were so very much involved with SVSU over the past 17 years, retirement was a very difficult decision," he said.

Colleagues honored Ryder at a birthday dinner Monday evening. A campus reception also is being planned.

Events and Activities

• **Honors Program Thesis Presentation** — Tuesday, Dec. 3, 4 p.m. in Science 108. Sandra L. Dullinger will present "The Poetry of Mary Oliver"; Karen M. Sleno will present "On Antipodal Digraphs: Using Distance as a Digraph-Creating Parameter." A reception follows the presentations.

• **Classic Film Showing** — Tuesday, Dec. 3, 7 and 10 p.m., University Theatre. *Casablanca*, starring Humphrey Bogart, is the feature film. Sponsored by Program Board. Call ext. 4071 for additional information.

• **Valley Film Society** — Friday, Dec. 6, 7:45 p.m., University Theatre. *Pauline at the Beach*, a French film by Eric Rohmer, is the feature film. Admission is by pro-rated membership. Call ext. 5624 for more information.

• **Volleyball Fun Night for Kids** — Friday, Dec. 6, 6-10 p.m. in Ryder Center. For more information call Chris Bertie at ext. 7306.

• **Computer Users Group Meeting** — Wednesday, Dec. 11, 12 noon to 1 p.m. in Wickes 332 (Office of Institutional Research). The main topic of discussion will be Windows. Bring a lunch and join in the discussion.

• **"A Salute to the Bill of Rights"** — Thursday, Dec. 12, 7 p.m. in Doan Center. Keynote speaker will be James H. Brickley, associate chief justice of the Michigan Supreme Court. For further information, contact Marilyn Crane at 793-1914.

Transitions/Office Moves

Please note the following changes in your *Faculty/Staff Directory*:

- **Handicapped Services** — new ext. is 5600.
- **Barbara O'Neill** — new ext. is 4226.
- **Student Employment, Cooperative Education and Placement** — new ext. is 4070.

Did You Know? ...

- The children of Choluteca, Honduras, soon will have a **tennis court**, thanks to the efforts of Peace Corps volunteer Rob Straebel. Sue Straebel, Rob's mother and an admissions clerk, is accepting donations of used tennis balls and racquets (even those with broken strings). Call ext. 4200 for further information.
- **Facilities Scheduling** is taking reservations for events requiring housing/residence hall space for summer 1992. Residence Halls are

available May 15 to August 9, 1992. Contact Mary Ebelt, director of the Conference Bureau and Facilities Scheduling, for details.

• **Computer Services** is offering the use of an optical scanner for grading multiple choice exams. A new program handles more questions and gives better analysis of the exam results. For more information, contact Maryann in Computer Services at ext. 4223.

Professional Profile

• **Dr. Sally Edgerton**, assistant professor of teacher education, during October and November presented a series of mathematics inservice workshops for K-2 teachers in the Saginaw Public Schools, Tuscola Intermediate School District and Huron Intermediate School District. Each workshop explored new information on teaching mathematics to young children. In February, Edgerton will return to each district with a follow-up program in early childhood mathematics stressing evaluation standards.

• **Dr. Michael W. Panhorst**, director of the Marshall Fredericks Sculpture Gallery, attended a conference of the Michigan Alliance for the Conservation of Cultural Heritage in Dearborn Nov. 17-18. He joined professionals from Michigan's archives, libraries, museums, historic preservation groups and related organizations who share a concern over the present and future dangers to the cultural resources under their stewardship. The goal of the conference was to outline the challenges ahead and to address the next steps to foster state-wide awareness and involvement in preservation planning.

• **Dr. Roosevelt Ruffin**, director of Multicultural Programs/Affirmative Action, appeared at the Creating Caring Communities Conference Nov. 21 at Michigan State University as a panelist on "The Promise and Pitfalls of Community Coalitions: Addressing Infants At Risk."

• **Dr. Donald E Wiseman**, professor of accounting, will have an article, entitled "Reply to 'Option-Theoretic Argument Favoring EPS Dilution Over Holding Gain/Loss,'" published in *Accounting Horizons*, a publication of the American Accounting Association. This "reply" responds to a critique of an article published by Wiseman in the Dec. 1990 issue of *Accounting Horizons*.

The Marshall Fredericks Sculpture Gallery will be closed for Christmas Holiday Break from Dec. 23 through Jan. 4.

Volunteer Services, in cooperation with the Office of Student Life, is encouraging clubs, offices and departments to decorate a **Holiday Chari-Tree** through charitable donations. The tree can be found on first floor Wickes Hall, near the Registrar's Office, between Dec. 4-20. Call ext. 4167 for more information.

Zahnow Library will be open Monday, Dec. 23 from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. It will close at 4:30 p.m. on Dec. 23 through Jan. 1, 1992 for the holiday break.



STAFF MEMBER

OF THE MONTH

**Anne T.
Reittenbach**

**Administrative
Secretary/
Office
Coordinator,
Office of
Admissions**

**December
1991**

To Anne Reittenbach, Thanksgiving week seemed an especially appropriate time to learn she had been selected as Staff Member of the Month for December.

"I appreciate being recognized," she says. "It took awhile to sink in."

For her, the award is a bonus because she feels thankful for the opportunities her position has offered. She applied for a job at Saginaw Valley almost on a whim while visiting the campus with her sister-in-law during the summer of 1978.

Reittenbach had graduated from high school earlier in the summer and worked for Big Boy Restaurant just long enough to know she didn't want a career as a waitress. "I had no idea what I wanted to do," she recalls. "I came from a large family that was not a college family."

When she was called to interview for an opening, "It was the shock of my life." But she made an appointment to meet with Dick Thompson and Nancy Neal. "The rest is history," she smiles.

Her initial responsibilities expanded over the years, leading her to become interested in obtaining a college education. "I started to see the value of education and have completed

two and a half years," she notes. Presently she is taking a break from classes to devote more time to her 12-year-old son Matt and her daughter Rianne, recently turned four. "I know that when I have the time I can go back to school," she says.

While her office schedule is demanding, Reittenbach says, "I can't say it is really work because I enjoy my job. I like where I am right now because every day is different. I thrive on challenges."

Her list of responsibilities includes working with the professional and support staff in the Admissions Office, supervising work-study students, serving as secretary to Director Jim Dwyer, and coordinating the office routine.

"My door is open for everybody," she says, "whether they are from our office or another office. Also, I like to be at the front desk when I can, especially during registration. It allows me to find out what the students need and how we can better help them."

Reittenbach enjoys computer work and is especially comfortable doing statistical work using Lotus and Harvard Graphics. "I like putting things together, finding solutions."

She is noted for using her creativity and a strong work ethic to solve problems confronting the office. "My family (which includes husband Ken and a step son, plus her son and daughter) is very supportive of me. They are right behind me when I have to work long hours," she notes.

"I enjoy my job immensely. I feel very lucky to be in the position that I am. I appreciate everything that happens to me — both through my family and my job."

Off the job, she enjoys reading "when there's time" but says her passion is cross stitching. "I love to cross stitch. I call it my therapy. I can work out problems while I am cross stitching."

She also works in a number of other craft areas and last summer did the floral arrangements and decorations for a wedding.





INNER VIEW

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Promoting Multi- Culturalism

Shohed Rodriguez has a habit of practicing what she teaches. Or perhaps it's the reverse; she is teaching what she has practiced.

"All my life I've been in a multicultural setting," she says. A native of Bogota, she learned English as part of her basic schooling. Later she moved to the U.S., first settling in New York. Her family relocated to Jackson, Michigan, and finally to East Lansing.

The proximity to Michigan State University allowed Rodriguez to accommodate her thirst for knowledge. She successfully combined the responsibilities of raising a family with pursuit of a college education, eventually completing doctoral degree requirements.

Rodriguez believes it is becoming increasingly important for teachers to have a multicultural perspective.

"There are so many changes on the national and international level. Teachers do not have an easy task now," she notes. "They have to be prepared to deal with diversity. Teaching will require more effort, more preparation."

During her year here as KCP Visiting Professor, Rodriguez is applying her characteristic energy to achieving social and educational improvement. In addition to her teaching assignments, she serves as Interim

Director of SVSU's Bilingual/Bicultural Center. She completes that assignment December 2, when new director Dr. Gladys Amanda Hernandez-von Hoff begins.

"I also have been supervising student teachers," Rodriguez notes, "and making presentations on multicultural education."

Still, she's managed to find time on her busy schedule to co-chair the upcoming annual conference of the Young Educator Society (YES). The group encourages minority students to pursue careers in education. "We encourage them to become teachers."

She also has attended a number of professional meetings, among them the conference of the Michigan Association for College Teachers of Education.

"I saw many people in higher education trying to find answers to the problems in our educational system," she notes. "They discussed many programs they are trying to develop. The idea is making the educational system better — taking a different approach."

Recently Rodriguez presented a paper at the fourth annual Conference on Latino Issues sponsored by the Center for Chicano-Boricua Studies at Wayne State University. The meeting marked the 20th anniversary of the organization.

"The group includes Hispanic faculty and administrators from Big Ten universities," she reports. "The meeting was very gratifying. I had the opportunity to see a group of Hispanics who are highly educated and highly motivated to making things better for other Hispanics."

"There were people from across the nation and internationally, representing different fields. I find it very gratifying to see a group of Hispanics working together with the same thing in mind — helping others."

This winter Rodriguez plans to guest lecture in Dr. Jennifer Bridges' class on "Women and Competition." She will examine the roles of women in academic settings.

